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SUBJ: LABOR - PARLIAMENT APPROVES 10 PERCENT WAGE/PENSION INCREASE
IN PUBLIC SECTOR

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B. ATHENS 1643

1. PARLIAMENT ENACTED LEGISLATION MARCH 5 GRANTING 10 PERCENT INCREASE TO SALARIES OF ALL CIVIL SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC LEGAL ENTITIES AS WELL AS A SIMILAR INCREASE IN PENSIONS OF RETIRED PERSONNEL THESE SAME CATEGORIES. INCREASES EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO MARCH 1, 1975. PARLIAMENTARY ACTION CONFIRMS GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS JANUARY 29 PROPOSING SUCH INCREASES (REFTEL A).

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL B), EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE ALSO RECEIVED RECENT BENEFITS THROUGH A 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGES APPLICABLE TO BLUE AND WHITE COLLAR WORKERS. THESE INCREASES RESULTED FROM NEGOTIATIONS EFFECTED BETWEEN GENERAL CONFEDERATION GREEK WORKERS (GSEE) AND VARIOUS EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS.

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3. A SPIN-OFF EFFECT OF THIS SET OF WAGE INCREASES IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE GENERATION OF INCREASED PRESSURE ON EMBASSY FOR INCREASES IN REMUNERATION OF ITS LOCAL EMPLOYEES.
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